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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was barely steady in the East and West, no better than steady elsewhere. Demand was seasonally slow to fair; trading was light as interest turned to more traditional holiday items. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for limited trade requirements. In the parts structure, trading was fair at best. Wings were in best balance and clearing well. The remaining items were at least adequate to available and competitively priced in some instances. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights in a full range, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 61.75 based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 64.00 cents last year on November 21, 2001.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	164.50
BREASTS - B/S	128.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	64.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	56.50
LEG QUARTERS	18.00
WINGS	47.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was seasonally light to fair, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for current trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. All other items ranged adequate to ample for the light and selective buyer interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was very light during midweek trading as dealers assumed a cautious and selective posture and curtailed orders to only the most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available, with the larger birds noted in the longest position. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts remained available at sharp discounts. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least sufficient, but manageable. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate. Wings were more than sufficient.

MIDWEST Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were mixed for the seasonally light buyer interest. Movement into the retail and food service sectors was light to fair at best with traditional holiday products clearly the focus. Floor stocks were in a manageable position. Weights desirable. Trading in the parts sector was lacking as current commitment cover immediate buyer needs. Supplies of all items were available. The market tone was steady to fully steady on wings and steady at best on all other items.

WESTERN The market tone was steady to barely steady. Offerings of small sized product confidently held and in fair balance with current needs, however product over 3.5 pounds ample to cover seasonal buying interest. Demand was centered on Thanksgiving Day items with interest in whole body broiler/fryers and parts moderate to fairly good, best for parts. Floor stocks were adequate to occasionally heavier than desired.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

<u>PRODUCTION AND REPRODUCTION</u>			
19 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 11/16/02	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	198,081	205,712	-04
CHICKS PLACED	147,324	150,878	-02

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 198 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 16, 2002. This was down 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 147 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 16, 2002. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through November 16, 2002 were 7.68 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 28-Dec-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 137.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 140.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 145.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 161.4 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.85 CENTS PER POUND.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

NOVEMBER 20, 2002

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,005	105.00-187.00	115-123	119.23
TENDERLOINS	159	105.00-179.00	105-110	119.57
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	65.50-75.00	68-70	69.85
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	129	19.00-33.00	19-20	20.60
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	426	13.00-18.00	13-15	14.43
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,368	15.00-24.00	17-19	18.35
WINGS (WHOLE)	270	44.00-49.00	47-49	47.96
WINGS (CUT)	439	56.00-63.00	56-58	58.24
DRUMSTICKS	69	33.00-46.00	-	34.70
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	950	110.00-187.00	110-118	117.92
TENDERLOINS	99	105.00-179.00	-	125.88
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	65.50-75.00	70-72	71.63
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	90	19.00-33.00	19-20	21.28
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	426	13.00-18.00	14	14.43
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,248	15.00-24.00	17-19	18.22
WINGS (WHOLE)	270	44.00-49.00	44-46	47.96
WINGS (CUT)	967	56.00-63.00	58-59	60.79
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
34.00 - 37.50	35.22	34.25 - 37.50	35.34	34.89

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was very light during midweek trading as dealers kept floor stocks in a tight balance while curtailing regular commitments during this seasonally sluggish period. Offerings of bone-in breasts were readily available at sharp discounts. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate, but manageable. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate. Wings were sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was slow as traditional holiday items became the focal point of interest. The market tone remained barely steady to weak on bone-in breasts and no better than steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES NOVEMBER 19, 2002

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120	123.01	445,905
TENDERLOINS	100-105	100.93	175,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	61.76	164,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	55.61	144,960
LEGS	31-32	30.85	168,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.03	514,189
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	23.91	143,750
THIGHS	20-21	30.18	46,900
B/S THIGHS	62-63	63.91	94,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	41-42	48.12	147,790
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.66	30,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.14	22,535
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	63.02	24,570

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	120	126.72	196,970
TENDERLOINS	100-105	105.64	55,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	55-56	59.85	222,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	55	57.15	120,040
LEGS	31-32	33.75	99,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.42	354,543
DRUMSTICKS	21-22	29.70	66,510
THIGHS	20-21	31.91	42,780
B/S THIGHS	62-63	67.08	38,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	41-42	48.33	163,150
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.56	28,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.44	14,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	64.12	18,120

 INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED				ACTUAL				AVG WTS	AVG WTS
	11/20	11/19	11/18	11/15	11/18	11/15	11/13	11/11		
ALA	3,961	4,115	4,035	4,398	5.16	4.99	3,978	5.17		
ARK	4,818	5,450	5,116	4,804	5.05	4.83	4,965	4.97		
DELMARVA	1,882	2,262	2,252	2,127	5.11	5.13	2,330	5.20		
KY-LA-TN	1,746	1,780	1,695	1,647	4.57	4.67	1,994	4.97		
MISS	2,443	2,663	2,898	2,537	5.53	5.50	2,812	5.41		
NC	2,670	2,671	2,249	2,659	6.29	5.95	2,426	6.01		
TEXAS	2,459	2,212	2,456	2,472	5.03	4.71	2,446	4.98		
TOTAL	19,979	21,153	20,701	20,496	5.24	5.09	20,951	5.21		
MON-WED	62,224 (A)						62,539 (A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Nov 02 and is estimated to be 29,891,000 down 4.92 percent from a week ago and up 5.3 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,439,000; last year 28,391,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	89-91
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-88
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		92-94
	DRY PACK	96-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	92-98
	DRY PACK	-
DUCKS		152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 23 NOV-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/23/02 (1)	11/16/02
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	156,087(2)	158,662
LT HENS	1,812	1,570
HVY HENS	1,591	1,575
CHECK TOTAL	159,490	161,807

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Nov-02 is 146.2 million head compared to 115.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.4 million head or 10.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 30-Nov-02 the estimated available is 145.5 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 18-NOV-02	154,898	82,229
AM 01-NOV-02	178,029	77,841
CHG	-23,131	4,388
PCT CHG	-13	6

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/18/02	11/11/02	11/19/01	11/18/02	11/11/02	11/19/01
PACIFIC						
COAST	9,075	17,882	8,232	10,335	5,881	3,169
LOS ANGELES	275	361	187	3,924	3,955	1,603

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18, 2002

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	59-62
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62-79

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 11/19/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.25	1.35	.57
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.70	.95	.87
BANTAMS lb.	.20	.60	.32
BROILERS lb.	.10	.35	.30
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	1.55	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.60	1.45	.94
GEESE lb.	-	.30	-
TURKEYS lb.	.25	1.00	.48
DUCKS lb.	.35	1.25	.92
RABBITS lb.	.70	1.85	1.06
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	2.00	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 182

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending November 15, 2002

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	53.61	124.06	70.89	17.72	17.72	46.52
High	58.04	132.93	79.76	26.59	22.15	46.52
Mostly	54.06	132.93	79.76	22.15	17.72	46.52

SAN JUAN

Low	60.26	124.06	79.76	26.59	13.29	52.28
High	63.80	137.36	88.62	35.45	19.94	52.28
Mostly	61.59	132.93	84.19	31.02	17.72	52.28

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	53.17	124.06	70.89	17.72	17.72	46.52
High	57.60	132.93	79.76	22.15	22.15	46.52
Mostly	54.94	132.93	79.76	22.15	17.72	46.52

BECERRA

Low	59.37	128.50	84.19	26.59	13.29	53.17
High	64.25	137.36	88.62	33.23	17.72	53.17
Mostly	60.70	128.50	84.19	31.02	15.51	53.17

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally slow to fair at best. Offerings were adequate and in generally good balance on 3.0 pound sizes, adequate to fully adequate on the smaller sizes, and adequate to ample on the larger. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules suspended or curtailed in some instances in an effort to keep supplies in line with a lighter demand were very light overall. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 62 cents.

Trade sentiment was barely steady. Parts were at least adequate. Bone-in breast were competitively priced and slow to clear.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	42-62
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.20
NO. OF BOXES	6,569

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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